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SPEAKER FLOOD: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the third day of the One Hundred First Legislature. Our chaplain for today is Senator Wallman. Please rise. []

SENATOR WALLMAN: (Prayer offered.) []

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Wallman. I call to order the third day of the One Hundred First Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record. []

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President. []

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal? []

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President. []

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you. Are there any messages, reports, or announcements? []

CLERK: Mr. President, I have one report. Department of Roads has filed a report in the Clerk's Office. That will be on file and available for member review. I also have two announcements, Mr. President. The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee will meet at 10:30 underneath the south balcony; the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, 10:30, south balcony. And the Education Committee will meet under the north balcony at 10:30; Education Committee at 10:30 under the north balcony. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 59.) []

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now proceed to the agenda. The Clerk will be accepting bills for introduction. We will stand at ease. Members, at 10:30 this morning we will take up the Committee on Committees report offered by Chairperson Senator Tom Hansen. We will be reading in bills as introduced between now and then, otherwise standing at ease. It is my intention to adjourn shortly thereafter the consideration of the Committee on Committees report. In any event, if you have bills for introduction please get them to the Clerk as soon as possible. We will be taking up the Committee on Committees report at 10:30. Mr. Clerk, items for the record. []

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CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB97-105 by title for the first time.) Mr. President, prior to the next introduction, Banking Committee would like to have an Exec Session at 10:15, south balcony; Banking Committee, 10:15, south balcony. (Read LB106-111 by title for the first time.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 59-62.) [LB97 LB98 LB99 LB100 LB101 LB102 LB103 LB104 LB105 LB106 LB107 LB108 LB109 LB110 LB111]

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll continue to stand at ease, members. []

CLERK: Revenue Committee will meet, Exec Session, north balcony right now; Revenue Committee, north balcony immediately. New bills, Mr. President. (Read LB112-114 by title for the first time, Legislative Journal pages 62-63.) [LB112 LB113 LB114]

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Mr. Clerk. []

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB115-129 by title for the first time.) Mr. President, I also have some announcements. The Appropriations Committee will meet at 10:45 in Room 1003; the Appropriations Committee at 10:45 in their normal hearing room, 1003. General Affairs will meet under the south balcony at 10:45; General Affairs, south balcony at 10:45. Transportation will meet at 10:30 underneath the north balcony; Transportation, 10:30, north balcony. And Retirement Systems will meet in Room 2022 at 11:30; Retirement Systems at 11:30 in Room 2022. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 63-65.) [LB115 LB116 LB117 LB118 LB119 LB120 LB121 LB122 LB123 LB124 LB125 LB126 LB127 LB128 LB129]

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. At this time we will move on our agenda to the adoption of the report from the Committee on Committees. The Chairperson of that committee is Senator Tom Hansen. []

SENATOR HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The Committee on Committees met the first day of the session, had a very good meeting and some lively discussion. We met again yesterday and finalized the report and it's been placed on your desk. The committees are all full. Everyone has a full slate of committees to attend, a full-time job, five days a week. I think that was the goal of the committee. So, Mr. President, I move to approve the final Committee on Committees report found on page 56 of the Journal. []

SPEAKER FLOOD: You've heard the opening on Senator Hansen's Committee on Committees report. Are there other senators that wish to speak? Seeing no other senators, Senator Hansen, you're recognized to close. Senator Hansen waives closing. The question before the body is, should the Committee on Committees report be

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adopted? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have all those voted who care to? Mr. Clerk, please record. []

CLERK: 43 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the report. []

SPEAKER FLOOD: The report is adopted. Mr. Clerk, items for the record. I would advise senators and members, if you have bills that you want introduced today, please get them to the Clerk within the next three minutes. Given the number of bills that have just been given to the Clerk, we'll revise that deadline by 15 minutes, but the sooner you could get those bills to the Clerk would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Clerk, items for the record and announcements. []

CLERK: Mr. President, a revised announcement from earlier. Appropriations Committee will meet now; Appropriations Committee will meet now in their room, 1003; that's Appropriations in Room 1003 immediately. And Reference Committee, originally scheduled for 11:00, will meet at 11:15; that's Reference Committee at 11:15 this morning. []

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk. []

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB130-144 by title for the first time.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 66-68.) [LB130 LB131 LB132 LB133 LB134 LB135 LB136 LB137 LB138 LB139 LB140 LB141 LB142 LB143 LB144]

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk. []

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB145-155 by title for the first time.) New resolutions, Mr. President. LR1CA, offered by Senator Friend, would propose a constitutional amendment to reduce the maximum number of legislative days for regular legislative sessions to 60 legislative days in odd-numbered years and 40 legislative days in even-numbered years. LR2 by Senator Heidemann and others would congratulate Senator Wehrbein for his selection by the Rotary Clubs of Nebraska as Nebraskan of the Year. LR3 by Senator Fulton would congratulate the University of Nebraska Cornhusker football team. LR4 by Senator Fulton would congratulate the University of Nebraska women's volleyball team. In addition to those items, Mr. President, Senator Dierks has been selected as Vice Chair of the Revenue Committee. Senator Pirsch has been selected as Vice Chair of Banking, Commerce and Insurance. (Senator Pirsch was also selected as Vice Chair of Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.) Name adds: Senator Mello to LB13; Senators Mello and Nordquist to LB17; Senator Mello to LB63; Senator Nordquist to LB63; Senator Fulton to LB67; Senator Howard to LB84; Senator Dierks to LB98. (Legislative Journal pages 68-74.) [LB145 LB146 LB147 LB148 LB149 LB150 LB151 LB152 LB153 LB154 LB155 LR1CA

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Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Pahls would move to adjourn until Monday, January 12, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. []

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members, you've heard the motion. The question is, should the Legislature adjourn? All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The ayes have it. We are adjourned. (Gavel) []